

Arbor day, and that all citizens see destroying should be permitted to plant one or more trees in the west portion of the school grounds. This day was observed over 150 of our citizens seemed anxious to immortalize himself or herself by planting a tree. Prof. Hill had charge of the work, and resulted in the placing of what is today one of the most beautiful campus grounds in all North-west Missouri.

OREGON'S EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

The future of a city is measured by its material welfare and its possibilities of future advancement and education depend in a large measure on the schools today. The boys of today will be the

Russells, a nephew of the late Judge R. H. Russell; the children of the Theophs, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and of Larkin Pack. 1875-6, H. Hershberger, L. Kirkpatrick, 1876-7, O. C. Hill, A. W. Atkinson, 1881-2, O. C. Hill, Mrs. S. G. Thomas, 1882-3, C. L. Elbaugh, Mrs. A. Dysart, 1883-4, O. C. Hill, Kate Lovewell, 1884-5, O. C. Hill, Cora Baviss, 1885-6, B. J. Speaking, Laura Johnson, 1886-7, B. J. Speaking, Laura Johnson, 1887-8, F. M. Martin, Alice Meade, 1888-9, J. W. Kieff, Lizzie Morris, 1889-90, F. G. Bennett, Alice Bond, 1890-91, W. W. Gallaher, Leila Powell, 1891-92, W. W. Gallaher, Eleanor Hatchett, 1893-4, L. N. Gray, Alice Bond, 1894-5, L. N. Gray, Alice Bond, 1895-6, D. L. Roberts, Emma McNaughton, 1896-7, D. L. Roberts, Mrs. D. L. Roberts, 1897-8, D. L. Roberts, Miss Petree.

THE BUILDING.

The edifice is a spacious and elegant structure situated on the latest and improved plan. A wide staircase extends under the entire area of the building. This is, in part, occupied by the boiler, furnace, etc., by which the ten rooms contained in the building are heated. The appliances for promoting ventilation are very complete and efficient. Two sets of radiators, the structure and the whole surrounded by a mansard roof of elegant design and sufficiently commodious proportions to afford the purpose of a third story. The elegantly designed tower which rises above the main front of the edifice is nearly six feet in height. From the balcony of the tower we can see the entire expanse of the surrounding country is afforded. Highland, White Cloud, Iowa Point, Troy and other points in Kansas, as well as Riley, Neb., are distinctly visible while to the eastward, several Missouri towns are clearly discernible about sunset on a clear day. The furniture of the room is of the latest and the most convenient and approved style.

W. F. Drake, who now resides near Mount City, was the first principal to preside in the new building, for the term 1873-4. He was assisted by the following corps of teachers: H. Hershberger, Emma Kimberly, Rachael Kirkpatrick and Alice Bond.

We give below the list of those who have served as presidents and secretaries of our school board from 1867 to the present time, April, 1888:

PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1867-8, A. Gemiceder	G. Cummins
1868-9, E. H. Kressel	John Martin
1871-2, T. L. Kreck	E. L. Allen
1872-3, C. O. Proud	C. O. Proud
1873-4, G. W. Cummings	D. Zachman
1874-5, G. W. Cummings	D. Zachman
1875-6, H. T. Alkire	H. T. Alkire
1876-7, H. T. Alkire	H. T. Alkire
1877-8, H. T. Alkire	H. T. Alkire
1878-9, Rudolph Schlotzauer	J. T. Thatcher
1879-80, J. T. Thatcher	
1880-81, A. Gemiceder	
1881-2, E. H. Kressel	
1882-3, C. O. Proud	
1883-4, C. O. Proud	
1884-5, C. O. Proud	
1885-6, C. O. Proud	
1886-7, S. E. O'Farrell	
1887-8, H. T. Alkire	
1888-9, H. T. Alkire	
1889-90, H. T. Alkire	
1890-91, H. T. Alkire	
1891-92, H. T. Alkire	
1892-3, H. T. Alkire	
1893-4, H. T. Alkire	
1894-5, H. T. Alkire	
1895-6, H. T. Alkire	
1896-7, H. T. Alkire	

The first five named principals died and only the first named survived.

Prof. Cummings' high school gave an annual exhibition on the evening of March 25, 1850. The programme included the following well known parties:

Oration, J. M. Saville.

"Hawthorne's Departure," Stella Gosling.

Instrumental and vocal numbers by Misses Alice Hall and Anna Cotton and Messrs. Dan Kunkel, Batcheller and Van Buskirk.

"Death of Julius Caesar," Daniel Kunkel.

Sheet Reading, Emma Soper.

Practically at a School, B. O. Gemiceder. He advocated the establishment of an academy in this city.

Miss Soper and J. E. Cummings sang a duet, "The Merriment Girl That's Out."

"The Charge of the Light Brigade," James E. Cummings.

Val-dictory, J. A. Kreck.

SOCETY.

No town in our great state has a more intelligent class of citizens more refined and cultured society the term is used in its broadest sense. In treating of this subject, a prominent gentleman recently said: Oregon was originally founded a small frontier town, but during the whole period of its history it has continued to draw itself under the law of affinities, as it were residents of a like character, until now it is pre-eminently distinguished as a city wherein the standard of intellectual, refinement, morality and similar qualities is extremely high.

The evidence of the traits is to be seen in many ways in our city, in the number of her churches and the membership of their congregations, in the costliness of her school building and the record of educational attainments; in the meager expense of living, in the absence of signs of frauds and dens of vice, in the cleanliness of the streets in the universal cultivation of fruits and flowers about the homes of the people; in the flourishing condition of the societies and organizations for ameliorating suffering and for the promotion of social, religious and cultural life.

In short, in the whole tenor and tone of public and private life in the community, she maintains a Chatanooga society with a strong membership. She also has a Chrysanthemum society whose annual shows and the attractions of the fair are the pride of the city. At the size of her city has a higher order of musical talent, and a musicale society of some twenty members is one of the shining features of our city.

THE BAR AND MEDICINE.

A sketch of all the attorneys of Oregon practicing at the Holt County bar, which time the following well known citizens at that time were elected as the first board of directors: A. Gemiceder and George Cummings were elected for one year; Albert Roekeler and Daniel David for two years and Sol Lehman for three years.

Albert Roekeler is the only surviving member of this original board. The new board met immediately upon their election, and organized by selecting the following officers:

Andrews Geeneker, president; George Cummings, secretary; Daniel David, treasurer.

T. C. Alkire, S. F. O'Farrell,

T. C. Duncan, Ivan Blair,

Frank Petree, W. A. Petree,

G. A. Laughlin, Daniel Zook,

Henry Shatto, Alex Van Buskirk,

B. E. Davis.

John W. Kunkel, the first registered lawyer of the county, while James Foster was the first lawyer to locate in Oregon; this was in 1842. Foster died in the insane asylum at St. Joseph in 1855.

The practicing physicians of our county organized themselves into a medical society in the fall of 1856. Dr. W. L. Gordis was chosen president; Berry Meek, vice president; H. Jones, treasurer; and C. M. Edison, secretary.

Those representing the profession in our city today are all graduates of representative colleges, and rank high up in their calling. They are: Dr. A. K. Kunkel, Dr. J. L. Evans,

W. C. Proud, S. W. Aiken,

J. T. Thatcher, J. L. Stephenson,

All of whom are representatives of the old school, excepting Dr. Thatcher, who represents the new.

The first physician to locate in our city was Dr. J. L. Stephenson, the first doctor of obstetrics in the city, was in the doctor's own home when his wife presented him with a son. This son is known as M. S. Norman, one of the most prominent business men of St. Joseph. Dr. Norman was also the first physician to practice in the city, and was the first to be married in the city, on July 18, 1842, he and Miss Sarah Russel were united in marriage by Rev. Green B. Thorpe. The bride was a niece of Judge R. H. Russel.

The first death to occur in the town was that of Daniel Zook, Sr., in the fall of 1842. He was the town's first mer-

chant.

Dr. Meek is now an inmate of the St. Joseph insane asylum.

OUR SOIL, FRUITS, ETC.

The soil formation is of itself a wonder, being a black deposit of a depth of two to four feet, which can be accounted for on only one hypothesis, that the greater portion of southern Holt and its western portion in particular, that it was once the bed of an immense lake, and that the soil is derived from the lake bottom and the surrounding country.

The soil is well adapted to fruit growing, the sweetest cherries, the finest plums, peaches, and the best the best berries, and its vineyard is more fruitful than any found in France or Spain.

These combine the substantial and luxuriant life in which mankind delights.

The soil is unequalled for productivity in all the edible grains.

The yield of wheat, corn, oats, rye, etc., is excellent, surpassing the yield of any other grain in the state.

The possibilities of fruit growing around Oregon have never been measured. Prod. Gow, in his work on geology, some thirty years ago, estimated the fruit and vegetable growing area of this land was worth \$1000.

The average net income from forty-eight acres for twenty-one years would pay the interest on \$100 per acre at 10 percent.

Mr. Murray and his sons sold their farm for \$1000 per acre.

There is scarcely a acre of land in the state which is more productive than in Oregon.

The climate is healthful, the air is pure, the water is clean, the soil is rich, the soil is well suited to all kinds of agriculture.

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